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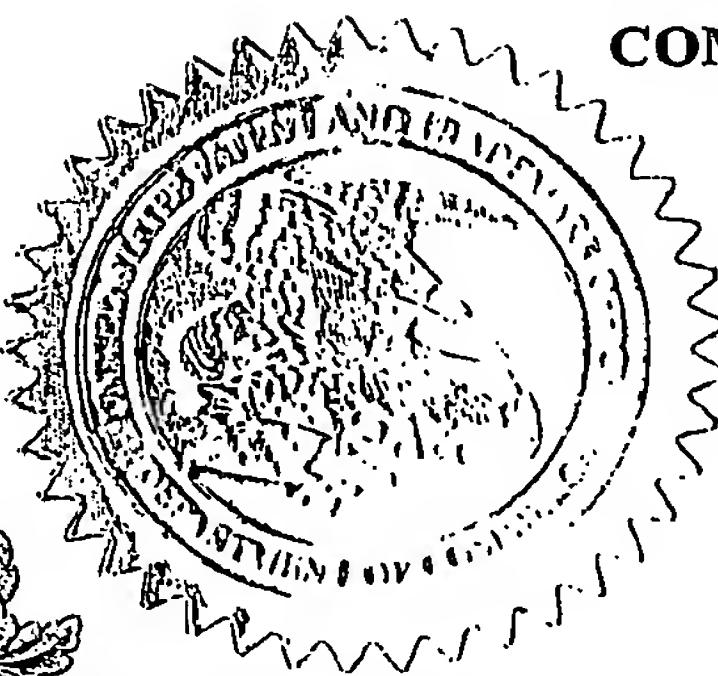
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Enhanced NAV mechanism for optimal reuse of the spectrum

Prior Art and Problem Statement

The IEEE 802.11-99 Standard defines the following NAV protection mechanism:

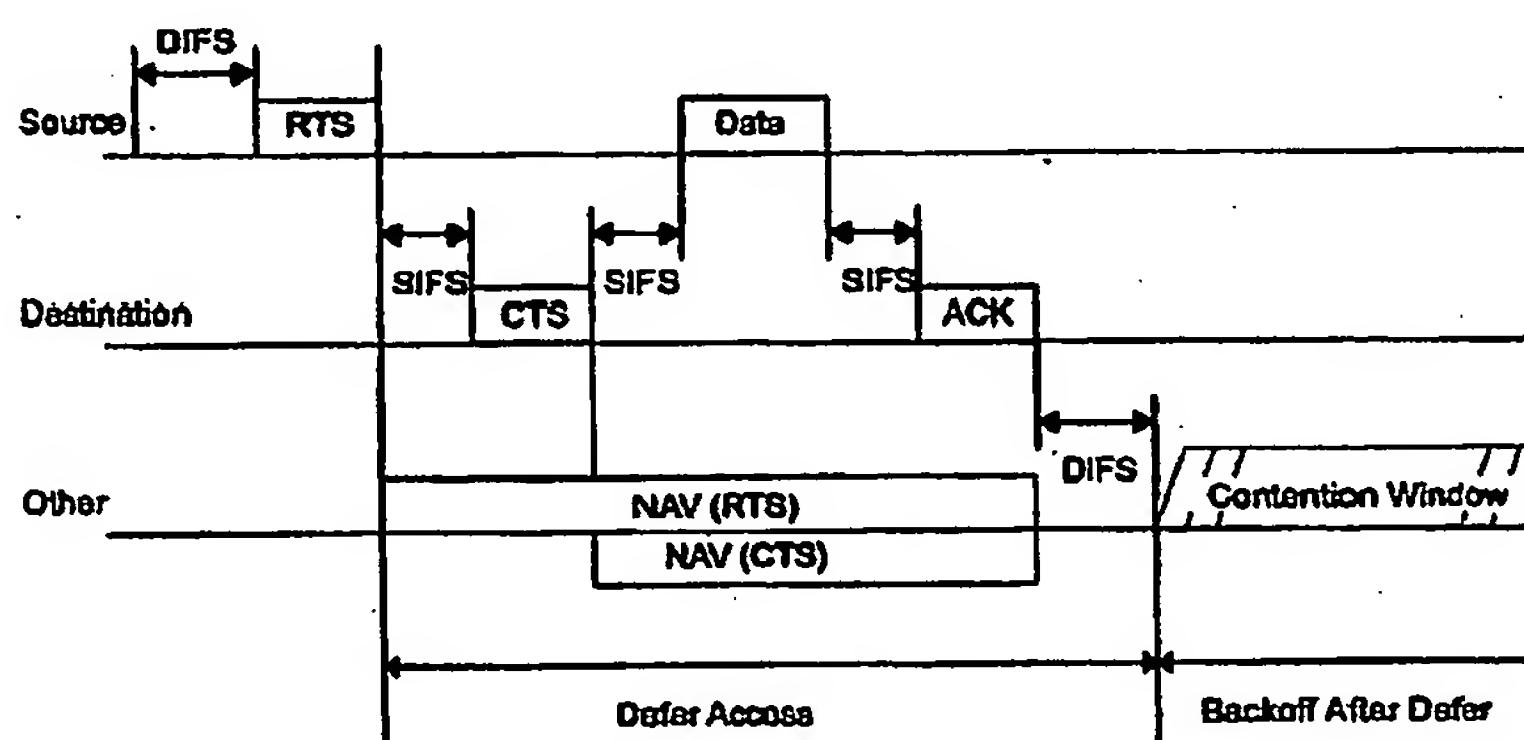


Figure 57—RTS/CTS/data/ACK and NAV setting

The medium is reserved during both transmission and reception of frames, although reservation is only needed when frames need to be received.

Invention

In this invention we propose a new use of the NAV mechanism that allows for an optimal reuse of the spectrum. Basically, when a station is transmitting some data, the neighbours of such station can also transmit frames, because the collisions can only occur at the receiver station. The reservation of the medium needs only to be done exactly when a frame is expected to be received, that is, neighbours of a receiver, need to be quiet at that time, so that the receiver can decode a frame. This is shown in the following figure:

When normal ACK policy is used:

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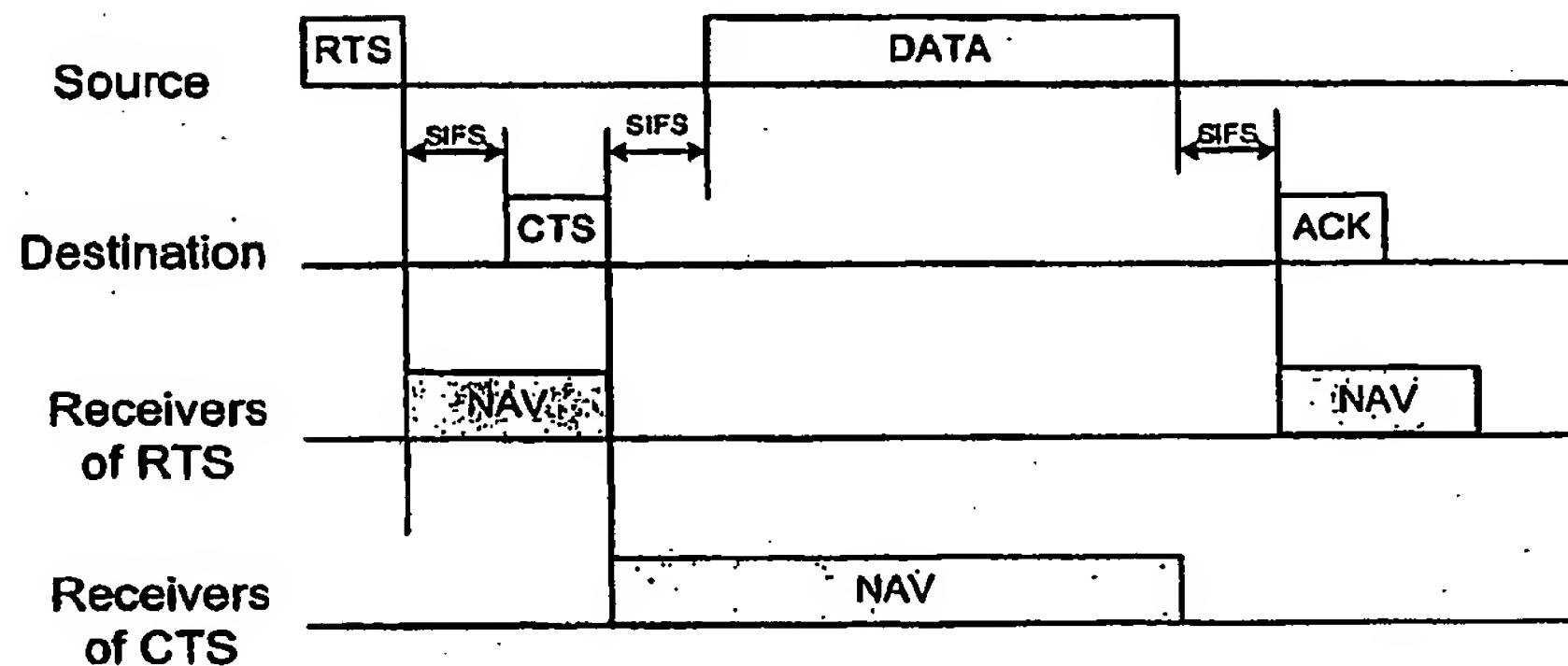
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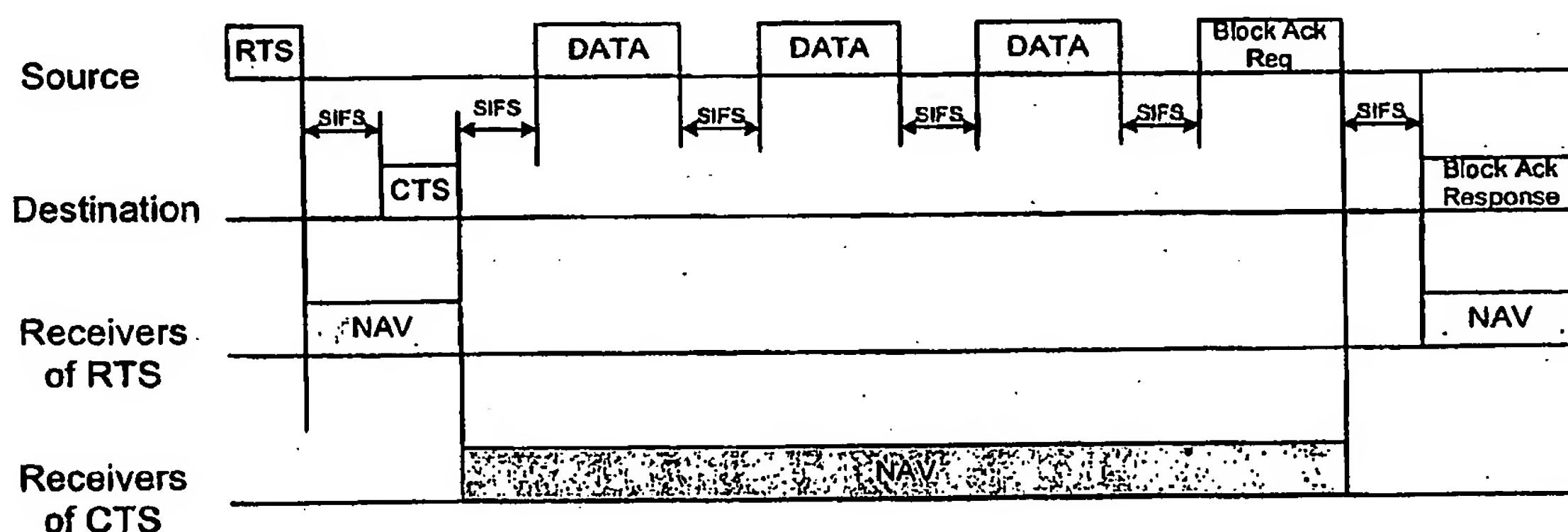
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This mechanism becomes very efficient when burst ACK or No ACK policies from the IEEE 802.11e draft are used in combination with the TXOP bursting:

For example:



Receivers of RTS (which did not receive the CTS) can use the medium while the Source is sending Data, since they will not interfere with the recipient of the Data Frames (i.e., the sender of the CTS).

This is achieved by modifying the current Frame Format. We just add a new Offset Field before the Duration/ID value:



The Offset field specifies the time between the end of the reception of the frame and the time when the NAV shall be set.

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